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Colourful fishing boats in the harbour of Urk, a Dutch Town in the province of Flevoland. Urk used to be an Island in the Zuiderzee, but became part of the mainland, due to a huge project that reclaimed land from the sea. This was due to the need for more arable land and prevent the frequent flooding. More on the Town of Urk and its Festival on pages 22 & 23.

Social Functions Calendar & Clubhouse Details

Below are the **events and activities** organised by Neerlandia and the various Sub-Clubs for 2023.

April 2023

Fri 28 King's Day & M & W Borrel 6.00pm
Myaree

May 2023

Sunday 7 Sunday Drive 10.30 am
Doors open 10.30am for Coffee.
More details on page 19.

Mon 1,8,15,22,29 Billiard Club 9.15 am

Wed 10,24 Bingo 11am

Thurs 4,11,18,25 Neerlandia Thursday Cards 7pm

Thurs 4,18 Neerlandia Seniors' Club 10am

Sat 6,13,20,27 Dutch Singers
Morley Windmills

Fri 26 M & W Borrel 6.00pm
Myaree

Sun 28 Andre Rieu Lunch at the RDC 12.00pm
More details on page 9.

June 2023

Sunday 4 Sunday Drive 10.30 am
Doors open 10.30am for Coffee.
More details on page 19.

Mon 5,12,19,26 Billiard Club 9.15 am

Wed 7,21 Bingo 11am

Thurs 1,8,15,22,29 Neerlandia Thursday Cards 7pm

Thurs 1,15,29 Neerlandia Seniors' Club 10am

Sat 6,13,20,27 Dutch Singers
Morley Windmills

Sunday 18 Dutch Fathers Day Movie afternoon

Fri 30 M & W Borrel 6.00pm
Morley

Friday 30 Silent Disco at Morley
More details on page 13.

Club details:

Neerlandia is using the Rhein-Donau Clubhouse for most of their activities.

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The President's Report



President's Report.

Well, well, well!! Here I am telling all of you to treat your health like GOLD. Yet over the past few weeks, despite taking normal precautions when in public, I was struck down by COVID. And all through an innocent contact with my loved ones. How do you protect yourself from situations

where your Grandchildren come home from school, bringing with them these uninvited guests, who then linger around for several days, before making their presence known and in the meantime, infect everyone around them?

Luckily I have survived this ordeal, but am still affected by that symptom of overtiredness. That too will eventually disappear.

We had a great success with our inaugural Easter Crafts for the little ones and the Karaoke for our teenagers. It was a most enjoyable afternoon whereby both the children as well as the volunteer assistants enjoyed one another's company. See a full report within this magazine. This success means the event will be repeated next year.

It is indeed very disappointing that our "Around The World Lunch" for Sunday the 23rd April 2023 had to be cancelled. Prior indications gave us confidence that the Polish Dance Troupe would perform. However, after following up to make certain they were still going to attend, it was a bitter blow to learn with less than a week to go, that they were now not available. All those members who had booked a ticket, have been contacted and have been offered a refund or credit towards the Andre Rieu show on the 28th May.

I draw your attention to an important change at the Rhein Donau Club.

Their Kitchen will be undergoing major renovations, which will most probably commence soon after Mother's Day. This will mean that any function, we had scheduled between now and early September, may now either not take place or will have a different form of catering. Our first event that will be affected this way is the André Rieu afternoon. "André Rieu Lunch" – 28th May – This event

will proceed as advertised but with the following changes. Start time is still 12:30 PM. Instead of a hot 3-course meal, you can partake from a generous serving of a variety of lavish sandwiches and other finger foods.

The added benefit is more time to watch even more fun and entertainment from André Rieu than had been planned. So, make sure you don't miss this afternoon filled with laughter & music. In addition, your entry fee will also reduce from \$25 to \$10 and non-Members from \$50 to \$35.

At our recent Committee meeting, it was recommended that at least one page of our magazine is directed towards our Teenagers. The subjects that would interest them most are Study, Career and Relationships. I encourage members to write down their words of wisdom gained over many years of experience and share these experiences with our up and coming leaders of tomorrow. We all have high hopes for our children and grandchildren and wish them a great deal of success in whatever field of study they choose to follow. However, as we all can vouch for the fact, this is not always an easy road to follow. If through sharing our experiences, our young ones can gain a better insight, they can be better prepared in tackling their studies, career, and personal relationships. As can be evidenced by what I have advised you, events can, and do change. Therefore, please keep your events calendar close by within your home. Whilst we have listed all known events, it is possible that an event may be rescheduled, cancelled, or modified. Also New Events, not yet listed in our calendar may come up. Please refer to the inside page 2 of your Neerlandia Magazine for possible changes and note these on your calendar.

Ha, ha, ha, after what I have just gone through, it is important that you remain vigilant with your health. Covid is still in the Community, and it is mutating all the time. So, treat your health as if it were **GOLD**.

John Zwartkruis, President.

Dear Members. If you have forgotten to renew your membership, this is your last reminder. If you have not renewed your membership by the 21st of May, your ongoing receipt of this magazine will cease. If you no longer wish to be a member, we would appreciate you letting us know by email, ordinary mail or phone.
Your President & Treasurer.

Neerlandia Easter Craft & Karaoke Afternoon Fun!



On Saturday the first of April we had some of our younger Neerlandia members and visitors spend an afternoon in the Rhein Donau Clubhouse garden and Karls Karaoke Lounge in Myaree, being very creative indeed!



Even our bunny dressed for the occasion.

There were a large range of craft activities on offer with most, if not all of them being completed by all who came to show off their creative side. It was lovely seeing the enthusiasm in creating their master pieces of Easter tree decorations, colouring in both Dutch and English easter designs and decorating their own Easter Bags for the Easter Egg Hunt in the Edelweiss Hall.



Decorating their easter egg hunt bags.



Time for a quick game.

Easter Craft & Karaoke Afternoon



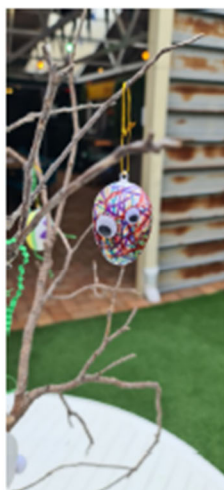
many Easter craft ornaments to choose from.



Yummy Easter treats.



New friends were made.



A helping hand.

Easter Craft & Karaoke Afternoon

Everyone joined in to guess the number of Easter chocolates in the jar, with Nikita being the lucky winner.



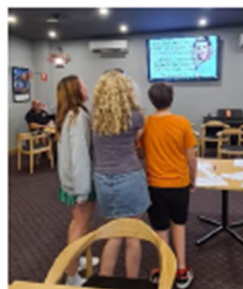
It was very kind of her to share.



Time to check the guesses.



Children ranging in age from 4 years all the way up to 19 participated and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying themselves. The Karaoke was a great success thanks to John's hard work preparing the music and equipment. Unfortunately, John Zwartkruis came down with Covid the morning of the event so was unable to join in. Rod helped out on the day and the kids sang loads of songs in the Karls Karaoke lounge and from reports we have a few good singers amongst us.



No Easter is complete without delicious hot cross buns & chocolate treats.



Get ready, get set, it's Easter egg hunt time!



Easter Craft & Karaoke Afternoon



It was lovely receiving feedback from the children and parents who attended. The afternoon was a big success thanks to the wonderful volunteers, Janice, Babette, Emma, Nikita, Jeannette and Rod who assisted in making this event fun for all.

Article written by Helen (Co- Event Coordinator)



Some of the Karaoke participants.



Some of our Easter Craft participants with their decorated easter bags full of chocolate eggs and finished decorations.



A big thankyou to
Neerlandia for
sponsoring this
fun event.

Juniors, important lessons about being successful

How do I become successful?

Success is earned through dedication and hard work. No-one gifts this to you on a silver platter.

One important aspect you should firmly plant in your mindset is: "**My Reputation is of Utmost Importance.**"

You build a reputation through dedication, having an ethical approach in everything you do, and putting the interests of your customers ahead of your own.

Who can shoot you down in flames when you can show that your ethics are unquestionable and your client's interests have always been served ahead of your own? When you have achieved this level of personal and professional proficiency, it will be extremely difficult, though people will undoubtedly try, for anyone to point the finger with absolute conviction, that your practices stink. That said, you need to understand also that your reputation takes a long time to build, however it can be destroyed in seconds. Therefore, always protect your Reputation as it will go before you. People with a very good reputation will become known within your industry and are invariably head hunted by other employers.

How do I build my Reputation? Look around you. Identify someone who you believe has the qualities you feel are very important to your own beliefs. Treat this person as a Mentor. Mimic their actions until you have mastered them and made suitable adjustments that reflect the person you are. Remember always though, that your ethics must never be capable of being questioned. Also, remember to look after your client or customer as if they were your parents or grandparents. Treat them as if they are the one and only customer. You will be amazed at the respect you earn.

Whilst many people chase financial reward as the one and only reason for being in a job, it is very often the wrong approach. You will be astounded by the financial rewards that will follow you, when you treat customers as if they are number one in your book. It may take time, but those rewards will flow through. Remember that people with a good reputation are very often head hunted. This invariably means an increase in remuneration. This of course is what you have rightfully earned.

Never be afraid to negotiate with your employer for a higher salary, if you know that you have earned the right to ask for a raise. That means, you can demonstrate that through your efforts, you have generated a greater reward for the business than most if not all of your colleagues. Know about your reputation and ease with which you could find alternative employment, with increased remuneration, should you look for another place of employment. Only when you know you possess this reputational power, do you have a base from which to bargain for a better outcome. Simply asking for a raise, without a proper reason, will only cause disappointment.

These professional traits, when repeated in your personal life, will usually also secure success in personal relationships. It takes time to get to know someone. You need to invest time to ensure this person meets with your personal qualities and are happy to share the rest of your life with. Too often, relationships have failed because not enough time was invested in getting to know the person properly.

J.Z.

An Afternoon Lunch with André Rieu

Sunday 28th May 2023, 12:30PM

Rhein Donau Club, 110 North Lake Rd, MYAREE



**Everyone enjoys the wonderful Music from André Rieu
& His Johan Strauss Orchestra.**

**We begin with Coffee at 12:00PM followed at 12:30PM by a selection of some of
his very best video presentations, all on a VERY LARGE SCREEN.**

**During this presentation, you can enjoy some finger food from a variety of lavish
sandwiches and other finger food snacks.**

If you enjoyed last year, you are in for an even better experience this year.

**If you missed last year, make sure you don't miss this year. You will have a good
belly laugh through the theatrical antics of the orchestra as well as enjoy the
beautiful music, the wonderful costumes, palaces, and scenery.**

This event is once again subsidised by your Neerlandia Committee.

Full Financial Members only **\$10.00 and Non (financial) Members **\$35.00**
which includes a free drink voucher. Book early to avoid disappointment.**

Bookings: Phone John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or
send an email to terjohnz@gmail.com

**OR contact any Neerlandia Committee Member listed in the back of this
magazine or your Club-Coordinator.**

The Bingo Page



NEERLANDIA BINGO

Doors open at 10am. Eyes down at 11am.

Coffee and tea and biscuits are provided: Self Service.
Lunch: A bowl of soup and a bun will cost you \$7.50.

The next games will be held on the 26 April & 10 & 24 May.



Bingo Game played on 29 March 2023.

We had 43 players, which is the most players since we started playing Bingo. It was also the first time, that the price per game was increased as well as the winner prizes by a substantial amount, i.e a line went from \$5 to \$10 and a full house to \$32. Because we had 43 players 4 played for free; they were **Nelly Liebrechts, Riet Oorschot, Bill Deugd (2nd time in consecutive game days) and Nelia Pumphrey**. The Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to **Rose Groos** and the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates went to **Marion Gerritsen**; well done all those winners. We had a bit of excitement in game 3 (four corner numbers) as we had 4 winners and they collected only \$3:00 each; in game 7 the bonus game with a Full House prize of \$57:00, was won by **Ann Heistek**. However the Jackpot of \$125:00 did not go off within the required 53 balls and so will jackpot to the next game day.



Lou calling the game, while Henk Smit sits close by so that he can hear the numbers.

Having read this report and noticed that bigger prizes can be won, make a date and come join us. We would love to meet you and the more people attend, the higher the prizes will be and more players play for free! You could be one of them. If you need any information, please feel free to contact either of the hosts listed at the bottom of this page.

Bingo Game played on 12 April 2023.

John Zwartkruis came in to set everything up for the day's Bingo but as he wasn't feeling very well, he went home after handing over to myself and George van Beek to complete the session for him.

We had 29 players for the 12/04/2023 due to people being away on holidays, however we still had 3 players play for free, they were **(the late) Thea Bloks, Mia Boshart and Louise Loomans**, the Cadbury Favourite Chocolates went to **Rose Groos** (second time in a row) and the Neerlandia sponsored Ferrero Chocolates went to **Freda Hovingh** well done to all those winners. The bonus full house was won by **Bernie Uyen** \$46:00 all told, in game 3 there were two winners for the 4 corner numbers; **Connie van Emden and Ria Nissen**. Game 4 the full house game for \$30:00 was taken out by **Janice Raffaele**. In game 5 we had a false call that went off on the very next ball by **Nelly van der Heiden**. The Jackpot failed to go off within the required number of balls and so will jackpot to the next game. We had an interesting day with balls jumping out of the ball rails causing a few laughs and a good time was had by all.

If you're looking for something to do why not join us.

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Report on the March Maas & Waal Borrel Night

Maas & Waal Borrel evening 31 March 2023



The second Maas & Waal Borrel evening of the year was held at the Rhein-Donau Club on Friday the 31st of March. There was a large turn out and people had to queue for placing their order in the kitchen. However, the service was quick, and everyone soon tucked into their favourite Dutch Treat be that a Kroket met Patat Friet, Broodje Kroket, Bitterballen or Frikandellen, all with or without Chips.



Frikandel speciaal
met patat friet



The Dutch Language Classes were once again attended by a fair number of people.



The traditional Dutch game of Sjoelbak proved very popular and brought back many a memory for most from their youth, when playing this at Oma & Opa's home.

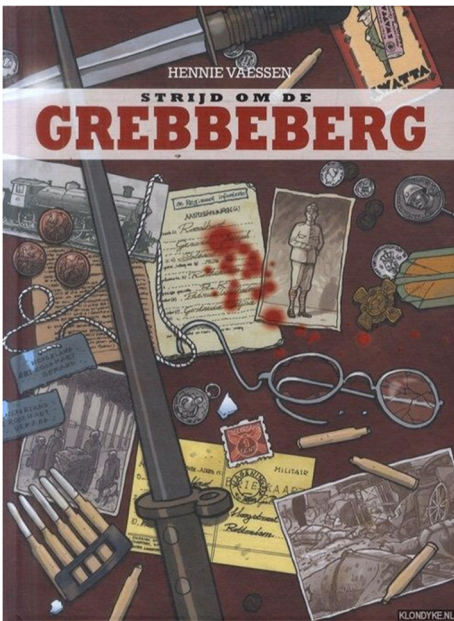
There was Dutch Music playing and everyone had other Dutch friends to talk to. This monthly event is a great occasion to experience traditional Dutch Food and mix with other fellow Dutch migrants. Gezellig!





NEERLANDIA BOEKHOEK

Boekbespreking: "De Strijd om de Grebbeberg".



In de mei BoekHoek lezen jullie een toepasselijke boekbespreking. "De Strijd om de Grebbeberg" is namelijk een beeldverhaal, of stripboek, over de Slag om de Grebbeberg gedurende de Tweede Wereld Oorlog. Volgens de auteur, Hennie Vaessen, is de Slag om de Grebbeberg een onderbelichte gebeurtenis die meer aandacht verdient.

In het verhaal volgen we "De Rooie", "Bolle" en Johannes Eibergen, drie Nederlandse soldaten die begin april 1940 betrokken zijn bij de strijd tegen de Duitsers. Door de gebeurtenissen tijdens de oorlog worden de levens van deze drie mannen onvermijdelijk met elkaar verbonden.

De Duitse inval is nog niet geschied en sommige soldaten denken dan ook dat Nederland neutraal zal blijven, net zoals Nederland neutraal bleef tijdens de Eerste Wereld Oorlog; anderen weten wel beter.

Er worden voorbereidingen getroffen om het vaderland te verdedigen door bv greppels te graven van waaruit soldaten op veilige afstand op de vijand kunnen schieten. Ook wordt een poging ondernomen om gedeeltes van het land onder water te zetten en zodoende een natuurlijke barrière te creëren om de vijand tegen te houden. Helaas mislukt dit laatste want, omdat het stevig vriest, bevriest het water waardoor de vijand met gemak de barrière kan oversteken.

"De Rooie" zit inmiddels in de gevangenis omdat de majoor hem betrapt heeft op het stelen van sigaretten uit een winkel. Hij weet echter uit de gevangenis te ontsnappen en voegt zich vervolgens bij zijn kameraden die met de rest van het 8^{ste} regiment naar Rhenen trekken.

Nabij Rhenen, op de Grebbeberg, barst de strijd los maar het blijkt een verloren zaak. De majoor verlost op dat moment de soldaten van hun taak om te vechten alvorens hij zelf ten strijde trekt – desnoods tot de dood toe. Echter, "de Rooie" laat zich van zijn beste kant zien en volgt de majoor om zijn makkers te helpen. Uiteindelijk worden zij inderdaad terug gestuurd door de majoor waardoor deze soldaten het verhaal over de slag om de Grebbeberg kunnen navertellen.

Analyse:

Dit beeldverhaal is een simpel verhaal met een diep thema. Niet alleen in de Tweede Wereld Oorlog maar in vele, zo niet alle oorlogen, zijn er momenten waar heldendaden worden verricht die niet "het nieuws halen". Deze heldendaden zijn echter wel noemenswaardig wanneer er gesproken wordt over de verdediging van het Vaderland.

Offers worden niet alleen op het slagveld gemaakt – ook aan burgers worden offers

gevraagd om het algehele landsbelang te dienen. En zoals in zovele verhalen reeds beschreven is kunnen heldendaden, in welke hoedanigheid dan ook, uit een onverwachte hoek komen.

Machiel.

Geïnteresseerd om dit boek te lezen?

De strijd om de Grebbeberg kan door club leden geleend worden uit de Neerlandia bibliotheek, die altijd open is wanneer de Rhein Donau Club open is:

www.rheindonaclub.iinet.net.au.

De lezer heeft toegang tot boeken van zowel Nederlandse- als buitenlandse auteurs. Alle boeken zijn in de Nederlandse taal. De meeste boeken zijn niet ouder dan 1990 tenzij een boek opgenomen is in het Canon van Nederland. [https://](https://www.rijksoverheid.nl/onderwerpen/voortgezet-onderwijs/vraag-en-antwoord/wat-is-de-canon-van-nederland)

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In de bibliotheek hangt een lijst en de lezer wordt gevraagd naam en telefoon naast de titel van het boek te schrijven. Hierdoor wordt het voor Machiel, de Neerlandia bibliothecaris, eenvoudiger om het bestand te beheren.

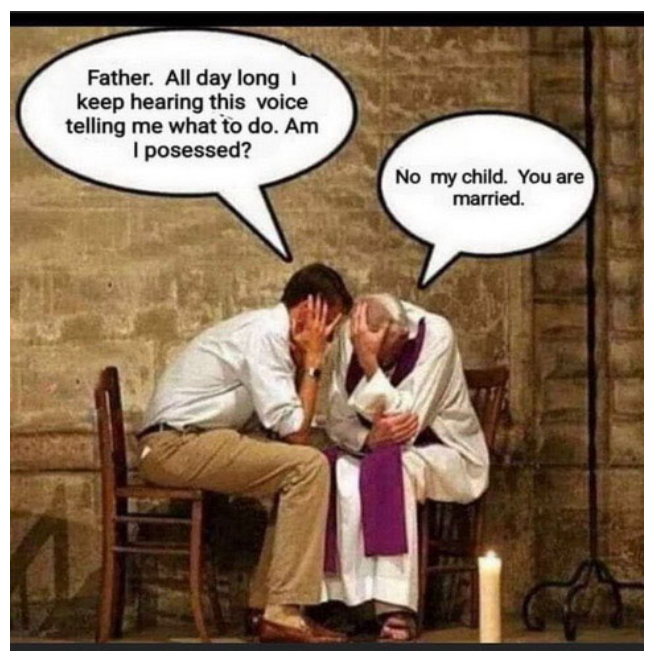
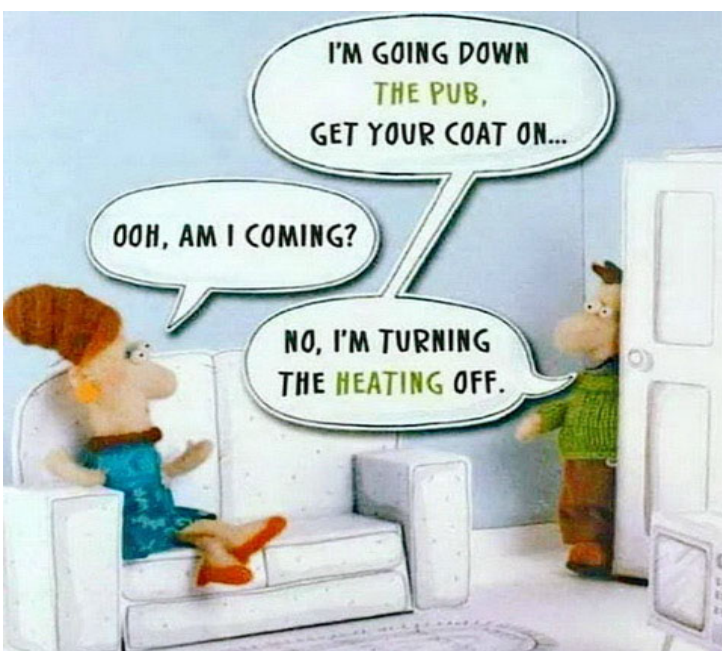
Bij Machiel kunt u ook informatie inwinnen over toegang tot Nederlandstalige luisterboeken.

Tevens is Machiel altijd geïnteresseerd in donaties van Nederlandstalige kinderboeken. Er is op dit moment helaas geen ruimte voor andere dan kinderboeken.

U kunt contact opnemen met Machiel via mvdstelt@gmail.com of assistent bibliothecaresse Lianna via lianna.vanstraaten@gmail.com

Onze online catalogus is een work in progress maar men heeft nu al toegang tot een gedeelte van ons boekenbestand: Titels kunnen on-line bekeken worden voordat men het boek in de bibliotheek leent.

Bezoek deze link voor een kijkje van het (gedeeltelijke) aanbod <https://mies.librarika.com>



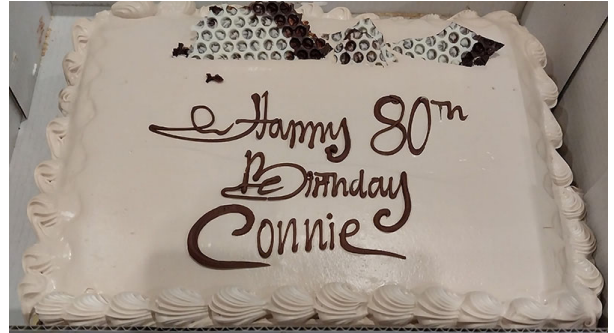
The Seniors Club.

Every second Thursday, the din at our Seniors Club is indicative of the lively discourse of our members over a cup of coffee or tea. It is obvious they have a need to discuss many items of interest or experiences. After the welcome, making of announcements and singing Happy Birthday and



Lang Zal Ze/Hij Leven, members break into groups and commence a game of cards, sjoelbak, rummy cup or pool.

At the meeting of the 20th Of April, we celebrated the 80th Birthday of Connie van



Emden. She had bought a lovely cake to go with our cup of Coffee or Tea. Thank you Connie and may you enjoy many more years.

At this same Seniors day as Connie's Birthday, we had two surprises.

Connie's Birthday Cake was the first, but the second was the appearance of Henk Uyen in an Orange outfit. He came to celebrate Koning's Dag a week early, as there isn't a seniors meeting on the 27th of April. Everyone took it in great spirit and appreciated Henk's clever idea. Well done Henk.

Sadly, we had to let everyone know about the passing of Thea Bloks on Friday 14th April. It was a shock because she was well and had no apparent illnesses or serious health conditions. The Seniors Club extends our Condolences to Thea's Family.

Our raffle continues to be attractive. At our last meeting there were 41 prizes on offer. As there were only 30 members present, many

members walked away with 2 prizes. However, if it weren't for the rule that each member can only win two prizes, some members were lucky enough to have numbers drawn out many more times than the two they already had. The call for "Redraw" came out many times. So much so that there were as many tickets in the discard pile as there were in the winning pile.

As always, we are ready to welcome new members into our club. If you like to play some games with other likeminded people who share a common heritage why not contact John Zwartkruis on 0434 920 252 or by email at terjohnz@gmail.com for further details. We look forward to making your acquaintance and welcoming you as part of our Neerlandia Seniors Club. **John Zwartkruis.**



City of the Future: Rotterdam?

The future is now in Rotterdam.

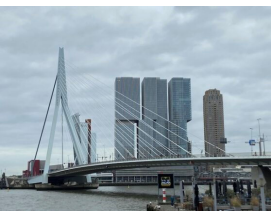
Often overlooked by international visitors who flock to its famous sibling (Amsterdam) up North instead, Rotterdam is arguably cooler and more eclectic.

Head here for a vibrant culinary scene and architecture straight out of a sci-fi film. If you want to see the future of the Netherlands, visit Rotterdam. At street level, you'll hear dozens of languages and encounter people who hail from nearly every corner of the globe. Look up and you'll see buildings that look like they've been cut and pasted from one of the Blade Runner films. Hipper, edgier, and more modern than its famous counterpart to the North, Rotterdam is a metropolis with its heart and soul perpetually squirming out of the present and into whatever comes next.

In Rotterdam, you can find diversity waiting for you around every corner and in a disparate culinary scene that dishes up everything from mouth-watering Caribbean fare to hand rolled Chinese noodles.

Rotterdam is the city where Ahmed Aboutaleb was appointed as Western Europe's first Muslim mayor. It's also where you'll find American artist Paul McCarthy's Santa Claus triumphantly standing in a public square.

Better known by its nickname, 'Kabouter Buttplug', the gleeful sculpture caused a stir when it arrived in town back in the '00s. Plenty of locals started clutching their pearls, but it's since become the surrounding district's icon. This cheeky, confrontational, and jolly Saint Nick reflects at least part of Rotterdam's ambience and culture.



Rotterdam is home to the largest port in Europe and some of the continent's fiercest football fans. But much to the chagrin of long-time residents, gentrification has begun to rear its perfectly coiffed head, perhaps an inevitable side effect of all that futurism.



Things to do and see:

Tens of thousands enter the city each day through the gates of its sleek Central Station. Visitors and locals alike pour into the Markthal where the ceiling is just as big of a draw as the food itself. It's just a stone's throw from the Kubuswoningen, which steadfast residents still live in despite layouts worthy of a 23rd century funhouse. You can take a look for yourself in one home that's been turned into a museum.

The city was all but destroyed during World War 2, but a few of its classic buildings survived.



The Grote Sint-Laurenskerk was heavily damaged, but a restoration, that took nearly two decades, brought the Church back to its former glorie. The 64 metre tower dates back to the 17th century and can be climbed with a guide between March and October. The historic Delfshaven district provides another gateway into Rotterdam's history. Find free art at street level. You don't need to go to a gallery or a museum to see art in Rotterdam.

(Copied from the Dutch internet)

A belated Christmas Celebration for the Snooker Club

The Billiard Club's Belated Christmas 2022 Lunch at the Mt Henry Tavern.



Few non-retirees believe how busy the life of a retiree can be. Grandchildren, golf, lawn bowls, over 55's exercise classes; mid-week trips and reading the paper until the mental information box goes into overload. Believe me, retired people live very busy lives. It was for that reason, and (sigh) a bit of Covid that the Hollandia Billiard Club members enjoyed their annual Christmas 2022 get-together on March 28.

This long awaited event took place in the very pleasant and spacious Mount Henry Tavern.

The players and partners met around 12.30pm and once the beer and bubbles had arrived, we relaxed in our chairs. Ricki and Jenny didn't take long to catch up before the other WAGS joined in the conversation.

Eventually the men managed to get our attention and lunch was ordered.

Soon enough the lunch choices were brought to our table and for the next 10 minutes all one could hear was the banter and laughter of the table behind us in the Tavern's Atrium, a group of 12 or so ladies who were, like us, enjoying a relaxed lunch with friends.

The rest of the afternoon continued to be a pleasant event and at 2.40pm we finally broke up the party. Lots of cheerful goodbyes and hugs preceded us all going our own way again. No doubt many of us enjoyed a power nap when we got home –



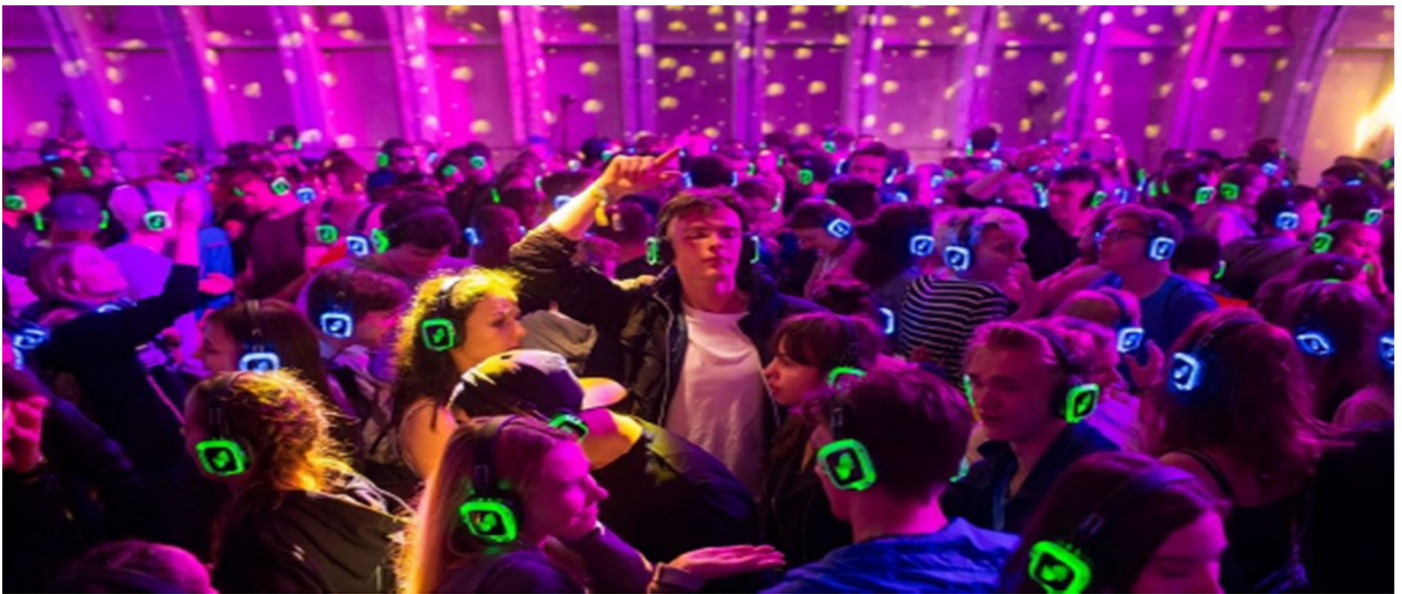
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because that too, is an activity that retirees have no problem executing.

Thank you to Piet Leeftang for organising the lunch and also acknowledgment of the Neerlandia Committee for the financial sponsoring of this lunch for the billiard players and their ladies.

Lianna Parker.



Save the date - Friday night 30 June 2023

Neerlandia Silent Disco

at Morley Windmills Soccer Club

in conjunction with the Maas & Waal evening

For more details contact Machiel van der Stelt via mydstelt@gmail.com or visit our website www.dutchclubwa.com

In Memoriam

Passed away on the 14th of April

Thea Bloks

Thea has been a Member of the Dutch Society Neerlandia from the early 1970's onwards.

She and her late husband Mick were willing volunteers for Kitchen and other duties. They were always present at all our functions.

At a later stage Thea and Mick took on the Clubhouse Cleaning for many, many years.

Sincere condolences to Thea's family and friends
from the Bingo Club,
the Seniors Club and
from the Neerlandia Committee
and its Members.

May she rest in peace.

NEERLANDIA WELCOMES THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.

**Lee Eacott
Jajah Lay
Carol Rysdyk**

The following Members will celebrate their Birthday during the month of May 2023. We wish them all a very Happy Birthday.

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Result of the April Sunday Drive

Report on the Sunday Klaverjas Drive.

The April Klaverjas Drive was held on the 2nd of April. It was a beautiful Day, **but it was also one of those days that things that could go wrong, did go wrong.**

First of all, our Treasurer John Zwartkruis was ill with Covid and of course he stayed away, so that he would not infect the other players.

He did, however, drop off the cash box and had pre-ordered our lunches with Subway. Soon after 10am, the players started to arrive for a coffee and a chat.

When it was time to allocate the table numbers, we realised we had 10 players and we were waiting on 2 more, who had indicated that they might attend.

When no one showed up by 10.30am, we were forced to start with 2 full tables and 2 "Invallers". This also meant that players would play 3 competition games, instead the usual 4 games.

Low and behold, 15 minutes into the game, an additional player arrived. Now we were back to 2 tables and 3 "Invallers", which of course does not work at all.

As customary, the Organiser is the patsy and he pulls out altogether, so that all the other players can participate.

At lunchtime, the pre-ordered lunches were collected and when they arrived at the RDC, the first group of players were already waiting.

We did finish up with a few more lunches

than needed and the players were asked to use them, either to eat them or take them home. No food was wasted.

After lunch the competition continued with the players seriously trying to win one of the available 3 prizes.

When scoresheets were checked after they were handed in, it soon became very clear that we had a run-away winner. The second placed player also had a fair margin.

However the lucky winner of the third prize, won by the slim margin of only 10 points.

The prize winners were:

1st Piet Segers	7343 points
2nd Freda Hovingh	6811 points
3rd Henk Smith	6113 points

Congratulations to all the Prize Winners and if you did not win, better luck next time.

It was a really challenging day, as so many things didn't run to expectations, however, despite these challenges, all the players had an enjoyable day.

The Next Sunday Drive will be held on Sunday the 7th of May and the one after that on the 4th of June.

As some players are battling to be there by 10am, and the Karl's Bar is no longer open on Sunday afternoons, we will go back to our original times: DOORS OPEN 10.30am, play starts at 11am.

Pieter Leeftang, Organiser.



The Winners, left to right: 1st Prize, Piet Segers; Second Prize, Freda Hovingh; 3rd Prize, Henk Smit.



ATTENTION ALL KLAVERJAS PLAYERS.

The following Sunday Drives Card

Competitions will be on:

Sunday the 7th of May

Sunday the 4th of June

Sunday the 2nd of July

Note the new attendance time:

Doors open at 10.30 am

Competition starts at 11.00am

All players are welcome.

There's something fishy going on.

A man phones his wife and asks: "Honey I've been asked to go out of town on a fishing trip with my boss for a week. This is a good opportunity for me to get a



promotion. Could you please pack enough clothes for a week, set out my rod and my medium size fishing tackle box. We're leaving from the office and I'll swing by the house to pick up my things. Oh, and please pack my new, blue silk pyjamas!"

The wife felt there was something fishy in her husband's story, but since she was a good wife, she listened to her husband and did exactly as he told her.

After a week the husband returned home, looking a bit washed out and tired, but he said he had a great time. The wife started asking about the weekend, how it was, if he'd caught any fish and so on.

The husband said: "Oh yes, lots of salmon, blue groper and even a few swordfish.

By the way, why didn't you pack my blue silk pyjamas?"

To which the wife responded: "I did. They were in your tackle box!!!"

The Funeral Notice.

A woman called the local newspaper and asked: "How much do funeral notices cost?"



"It's \$5 per word, Ma'am," the man on the other end of the phone said.

"Good, do you have a paper and pencil handy?"

"Yes, Ma'am."

"OK, write this: "Cohen died".

"I'm sorry, Ma'am, I forgot to tell you there's a five-word minimum."

"Oh," she answered, "You certainly did forget to tell me that..." A moment of silence.

"Got your pencil and paper still ready?"

"Yes, Ma'am."

"OK, print this: "Cohen died, Cadillac for sale."

The town Gossip.

Irene, the town gossip, and self-appointed monitor of the local church's morals, kept sticking her nose into other people's business.

Several members did not approve of her extra-curricular activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a bad mistake, however, when she accused George, a recently arrived newcomer, of being an alcoholic after she saw his old ute parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon. She told George, and several others, that everyone seeing it there would know exactly what he was doing.

George, a man of few words, stared at her for a few moments and just turned and walked away. He didn't explain, defend or

deny! He said nothing!

Later that evening, George quietly parked his old ute in front of Irene's house and then

walked home Leaving it there all night.

You've gotta love George!

Acting Classes.

A young lady was at an acting school to apply for entering acting classes.

At the end of the busy day, she went back to her room and entered in a huff of anger.



May a bit of Humour light up your Day

"What's wrong?" asked her roommate.
"Well, all the acting classes are filled. I couldn't even get into Mime class."



"Why not?"

"How should I know? You can't get a word out of those people!"

Screwing' in the 1950's.

It's the summer of 1957 and Harold goes to pick up his date, Peggy Sue.

Harold's a pretty hip guy with his own car and a ducktail hairdo. When he goes to the front door, Peggy Sue's mother answers and invites him in. "Peggy Sue's not ready yet, so why don't you have a seat?" she says. Peggy Sue's mother asks Harold what they're planning to do.

Harold replies politely that they will probably just go to the Ice-cream shop in the mall or to a drive-in movie.

Peggy Sue's mother responds: "Why don't you kids go out and screw? I hear all the kids are doing it."

Naturally, this comes as quite a surprise to Harold and he says: "What?!"

"Yeah," says Peggy Sue's mother, "We know Peggy Sue really likes to screw; why, she'd screw all night if we let her!"

Harold's eyes light up and he smiles from ear to ear. Immediately, he revised the plans for the evening.

A few minutes later, Peggy Sue comes downstairs in her little poodle skirt with her saddle shoes and announces that she's ready to go.

Almost breathless with anticipation, Harold escorts his date out the front door while her mother is saying: "Have a good evening kids," with a small wink for Harold.



About 20 minutes later, a thoroughly dishevelled Peggy Sue rushes back into the house, slams the door behind her

and screams at her mother: "Dammit, Mum! The Twist! The Twist! It's called The Twist, not the Screw!"

How to get a cashmere sweater.



One evening a guy walks into his local pub and orders a beer. As the bartender is filling his glass, the man tells him a story.

"Last night my wife crawled into bed with me. She cuddled up beside me and said I will do anything for a new cashmere sweater."

The bartender presents him with his drink and the man takes a sip.

"Then what happened?" asked the bartender. I said to her: "Anything eh?"

The bartender gave a bit of a nudge and a wink.

The man continued.

"She replied, Oh Darling, anything!' and squeezed me tighter."

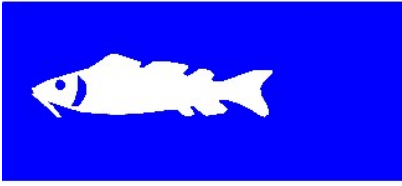
The bartender gets a sly look across his face, as if knowing what the man is about to say next.

"What did you do?" he asked.

The man took another sip of his beer.

"Well, I was a bit shy at first, but then I said: 'Darling, I think it would be really great if you learned how to knit.'"

Urk, a hidden Gem that used to be an Island



Flag & Coat of Arms of Urk.

Urk is a small Town and Municipality in the Province of Flevoland, located on the edge of the IJsselmeer.

In the past, **Urk was an island completely surrounded by water.** The water around this island provided great fishing opportunities for the locals, which became their main source of income.

In the 20th century, however, the Dutch government executed the Zuiderzee (South Sea) works – a

huge project of reclaiming land from the sea due to the need for land and to prevent continuous flooding. And a large area of the Zuiderzee was drained and turned into agricultural land.

What was left of the Zuiderzee has become the IJsselmeer – a large fresh water lake that is separated from the Wadden Sea by a system of dams and dikes.

As a result of this project, the Village of Urk, now located on the coast of the newly formed IJsselmeer, became part of the mainland and is now connected to the rest of the Netherlands.

These days, fishing still plays a vital role in the economy of Urk. After the IJsselmeer was formed, the locals relocated their commercial fishing boats to the harbours on the North Sea. But Urk remained the main place for processing and distributing freshly-caught fish. In addition, Urk is now focusing on expanding its economy to new areas, such as tourism, the maritime industry and retail services.



History:

Urk has a long history dating back more than a thousand years.

The original old Village is located near the harbour. The village is full of charm and offers an insight into what life was like in past times. Here you can find cobblestone streets, traditional Dutch houses and a few

Churches that date back to the 18th century.



The harbour:

The harbour is a great place to get a feel for the town. With its colourful fishing boats and quaint restaurants, strolling around is a very enjoyable experience.

You can even take a boat trip on one of the traditional flat-bottomed vessels or go fishing in the IJsselmeer.

The old village centre is small and all of the attractions can be easily accessed on foot.



The harbour.



The lighthouse.



Friends of Urk gather in front of the Old Town Hall to inform visitors about arts and crafts.



Drying fishing nets.

Urk, a hidden Gem that used to be an Island



Urk is no longer an Island but still has access to a large area of water.

The Urk Lighthouse:

This is located near the harbor. It was built in 1845 and was used for navigational purposes. These days, the lighthouse serves as a tourist attraction. You can climb up to the tower and admire the beautiful views of the village and the surrounding area from up high.



The Urk Lighthouse.

Religion:

The residents of Urk are strictly Reformed Christians and the birth rate in the Village is the highest in the Netherlands. Indeed, you can see many children around. The residents have preserved the local dialect and if you are lucky, you may be able to see people walking around in their traditional costumes, unless you visit the place on Urk Day, which is held a week before Whitsunday.

The Urk Festival (Urkerdag)

If you are visiting the Netherlands during the weekend of the Christian holiday White Sunday (Pentecost), you must visit the Urk Festival, which takes place every year on the Saturday before White Sunday. The festival aims to preserve the local culture of Urk, teach, and remind the younger generations about its history. This holiday has been officially celebrated since 1983. Before that, throughout the village's history, the locals used to celebrate the return of those who had been working outside the island back home around Christmas and White Sunday (Pentecost) with a festive atmosphere.

On the day of the Festival, the harbor and the streets are decorated with colorful flags. Many locals wear traditional costumes and perform traditional arts and chores such as smoking fish and sewing fishing nets. Some of the highlights of the festival include musical events and a concert, a parade, and a special sail that demonstrates the return of the village girls who had been working outside the island in days gone by.

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Urk family in traditional Dress.



Old crafts on Show.



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CODE WORD PUZZLE

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet is replaced by a number.

For these puzzles, **two or three** letters are revealed. Start with entering these throughout the puzzle, start to guess your first word or letter. Use a pencil to start, then if it does not workout, you can erase it and start again.

Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S can occur more often then others e.g. the letters Q, X or Z.

Results of last month's Bonus TOP CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not a pushover at all and it was not easy to find the first 3 words. But once the words: **Guttural, Disqualify and Raindrop** were found, the rest became easier.

The letter codes for last month's Top Codebreaker were as follows:

A=21; B=23; C=22; D=10; E=5;
F=1; G=8; H=15; I=25; J=24; K=20;
L=4; M=26; N=17; O=7; P=9;
Q=14; R=19; S=11; T=6; U=12;
V=2; W=3; X=16; Y=13; Z=18.

Results of last month's Bonus BOTTOM CODEWORD.

This puzzle was not easy either. It took me a while to find the first three words, but after that it was smooth sailing. The first three words were: **Lullabies, Osmosis and Melancholy.**

The letter codes for last month's bottom Codebreaker were as follows:

A=10; B=16; C=18; D=13; E=20;
F=6; G=17; H=4; I=12; J=22; K=23;
L=7; M=25; N=15; O=3; P=5; Q=1;
R=21; S=26; T=8; U=14; V=9; W=2;

Two Bonus Code-Word Puzzles

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Some letters, e.g. the letters E and A and S occur more often then others e.g. the letter X or Z.

To find the first three words of last month's Codebreaker was not all that easy.

The first 3 words I found were:

Protoplasm, Regatta and

***Taxpayer.** Once those 3 words*

were found, it still was not easy.

The letter codes for last month's Codebreaker were as follows:

A=23; B=16; C=2; D=17;

E=13; F=8; G=22; H=1; I=20;

J=9; K=24; L=10; M=15;

N=25; O=18; P=7; Q=12; R=5;

S=26; T=3; U=4; V=14; W=6;

X=19; Y=21; Z=11.

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Sudoku Puzzles

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers 1-9 in the each row and column; each 3x3 box must also contain a complete set of numbers 1-9.

Sudoku 983 Easy Puzzle

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Sudoku 983 Medium Puzzle

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Last month's Sudoku Easy 982 solution.

5	7	8	3	9	1	6	4	2
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Last month's Sudoku Medium 982 solution.

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At RDC 1st Sunday of the month

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At RDC Every second Thursday 10am-3pm

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